Expenditure on renovation of bungalows and flats of Ministers

†l35. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of expenditure incurred on the renovation of bunglows and flats of Ministers from 1995-96 to 30th March, 2000, bungalow/flat-wise and year-wise;

(b) the date on which each unit had been renovated earlier alongwith the rules framed by Government in this regard;

(c) the details of expenditure incurred for changing the furniture etc. in all the bungalows and flats from 1996 to 30th March, 2000 bungalow/flat-wise and year-wise; and

(d) the time fixed by Government for changing the furniture etc.?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN). (a) The bungalow-wise expenditure incurred on addition and alteration from 1995-96 to 1999-2000 is given in the Annexure. [See Appendix 190, Annexure No. 2]

(b) Financial ceiling on renovation of bungalows during the full tenure of the Minister have been fixed from time to time. At present the limit is Rs. 1 lakh. Such renovations are a continuing process and the exact dates on which each unit has been renovated is not readily availble.

(c) Year-wise expenditure incurred on repairs and replacement of furniture in all these bungalows and flats is given in Annexure. [See Appendix 190, Annexure No. 2]

(d) The furniture is changed on completion of their life span as per the approved guidelines.

Demolition drive by DDA and MCD

136. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the drive of the DDA and MCD to demolish unauthorised constructions have not proved successful;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, whether only selected unauthorised constructions have been pulled down by DDA/MCD in the capital during the past few months;

(c) whether any deadline has been set to remove all unauthorised constructions in the capital; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Both DDA and MCD have reported that it is not correct to say that their drive to demolish unauthorised constructions in Delhi is not successful.

(b) No, Sir, as reported by the DDA and MCD.

(c) Removal of unauthorised constructions is a continuous process. Whenever any unauthorised construction is detected, action to get it removed is taken after following due process as a part of the normal enforcement activities. In view of this, no deadline can be fixed.

(d) Does not arise.

Central resource centre to aid and advise on horticulture

137. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to set up a central resource centre to aid and advise State Governments, Municipal Corporations and other agencies on matters pertaining to horticulture;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to encourage tree plantation in urban areas?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) On June 29, 2000, Union Minister for Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation had held an All India Conference of Horticulturists. In this conference, a proposal was put up by the Minister to set up a Resource Centre to aid and advise the State Governments,